#### **Bold Endeavors**

Risk and Exploration: Earth, Sea, and the Stars

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H.M.S. Endeavor, on which Captain James Cook made his first voyage.

- **\*\*** Why Nations Explore
  - Trade Routes
  - Resources
  - Prestige
  - Science
- \*\* Why People Explore
  - Achievement
  - Curiosity
  - Risk?

\*\* Critics of exploration have always postulated insurmountable obstacles to bold endeavors.

"People, perhaps, still exist who believe that it is of no importance to explore the unknown polar regions. This, of course, shows ignorance... The history of the human race is a continual struggle from darkness toward light. It is, therefore, to no purpose to discuss the use of knowledge; man wants to know, and when he ceases to do so, he is no longer man." - Fridtjof Nansen

"Little minds have only room for thoughts of bread and butter." - Roald Amundsen

"Not a single article of the outfit had been tested; and amid the general ignorance that prevailed the lack of system was painfully apparent in everything."

- Robert Falcon Scott (1904)

"We took risks, we knew we took them; things have come out against us, and therefore we have no cause for complaint."

- Robert Falcon Scott (1912)

"The members of this expedition believed that it was worth while to discover new land and new life, to reach the South Pole of the Earth, to make elaborate meteorological and magnetic observations and extended geological surveys with all the other branches of research for which we were equipped. They were prepared to suffer great hardship; and some of them died for their beliefs."

- Apsley Cherry-Garrard

### Isolation and Confinement



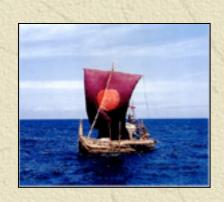
"All the conditions necessary for murder are met if you shut two men in a cabin measuring 18 feet by 20 and leave them together for two months."

- Valery Ryumin

- \*\* Imagine living in a motor home with five other people for three years.
- You may go outside for a few hours at a time *only* during the second year, but you must wear a space suit.
- You are a very long way from home (and the nearest store, gas station, TV, friend everything).
- \* An expedition to Mars would be a lot like this.

## Isolation and Confinement













### Isolation and Confinement



Skylab



Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station

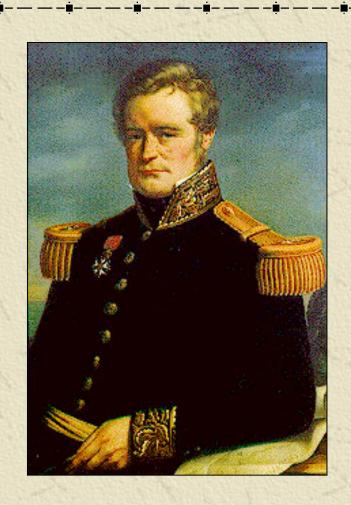
# Learning From Previous Expeditions



Expeditions and polar winter-over experiences resemble in many ways the conditions of isolation and confinement that will be experienced by future space travelers and those who will live and work at lunar and Martian outposts.

## Jules Sebastien-César Dumont d'Urville

- \* Venus di Milo
- \*\* *Astrolabe* 1826-1829
- \*\* *Astrolabe* & *Zelee* 1837 1840
- \* Linguist / Scientist
- \* Leadership Skills
- **\*** Habitability

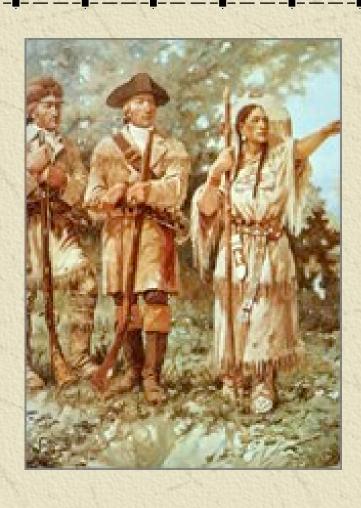


## Jules Sebastien-César Dumont d'Urville



The corvettes *Astrolabe* and *Zelee* in Antarctica, 9 February 1838, by Louis Lebreton, assistant surgeon onboard the *Astrolabe*.

## Lewis and Clark Expedition



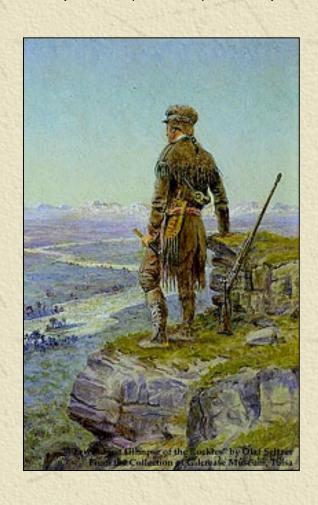
- **\*\*** Corps of Discovery
- **\*\*** 40 Explorers
- #1804 1806 (28 months)
- \*\* Met Many Native People During the Journey
- Described Everything in Their Journals

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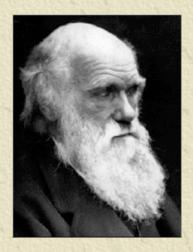
- \*\* Lessons for Moon and Mars Exploration
  - Leadership
  - Planning
  - Cooperation
  - Perseverance
  - "Live Off the Land"
  - The Corps of Discovery



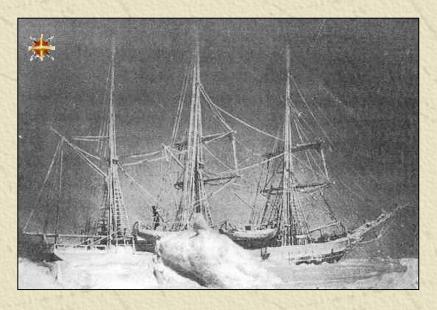
## British Surveying Expedition



- \* Robert FitzRoy
- \*\* Voyage of the Beagle
- **\*\*** 1831-1836
- \* Charles Darwin



## Belgian Antarctic Expedition



The Belgica Locked in the Ice

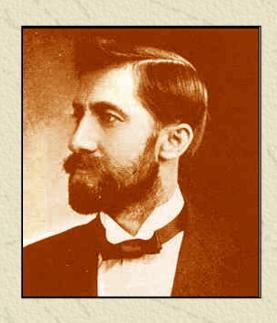
- \*\* Commandant Adrien de Gerlache
- **\*\*** 1898-1899
- \*\* First Expedition to Winter-Over in Antarctica
- **\*\*** Multi-National Crew

"Insanity and disease stalked the decks of the *Belgica* that winter."

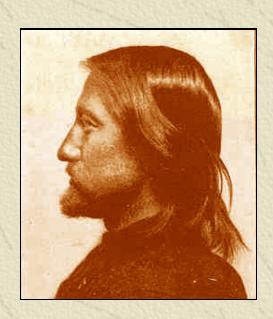
- Roald Amundsen

## Belgian Antarctic Expedition

Frederick A. Cook, Expedition Physician



Before



After

# Australasian Antarctic Expedition



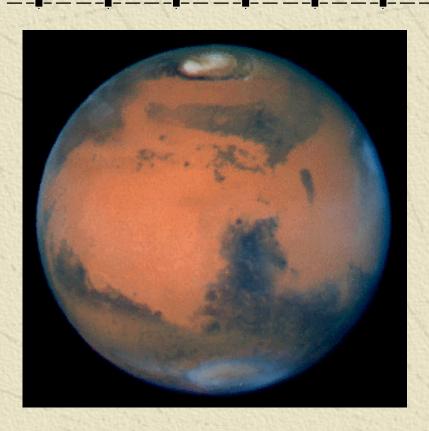
- \*\* Douglas Mawson
- \* Aurora
- **\*** 1911-1914

"In no department can a leader spend time more profitably than in the selection of the men who are to accomplish the work."

Weather influences everything. "To us, instead of being a mere prelude to more serious matters, or the last resort of a feeble intellect, it was the all-engrossing theme."

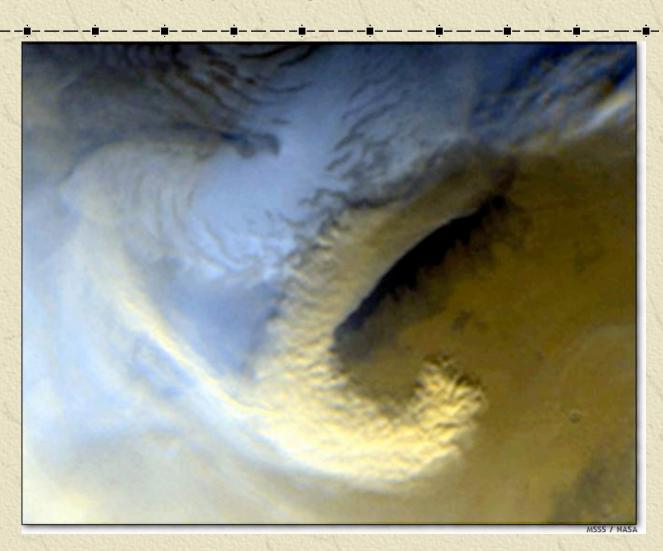
- Douglas Mawson

#### Martian Weather



- **\*\*** Galactic Cosmic Rays
  - Local (5 to 14 sols)
  - Regional (5 to 14 sols)
  - Global (60 to 80 sols)
- **\*\*** Solar Particle Events
- **\* Dust Storms**

## Martian Weather



#### Roald Amundsen



- \*\* Mate on the *Belgica*
- \*\* Northwest Passage
- \* South Pole
- \*\* Norge
- **\*** Dorneirs
- \* Nobile Rescue

#### Roald Amundsen

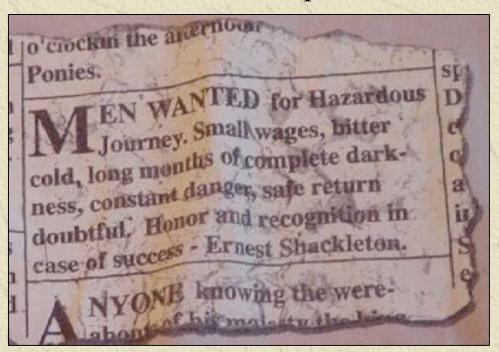
"The human factor is three quarters of any expedition."

- Roald Amundsen





British Trans-Antarctic Expedition, 1914-1916



Shackleton's Recruiting Advertisement

#### British Trans-Antarctic Expedition, 1914-1916



The Endurance in the ice



Shackleton and Crew at Patience Camp

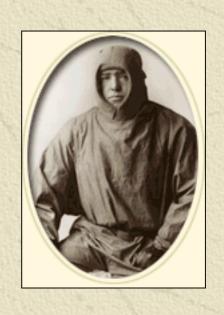
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Castaways on Elephant Island

Launching the James Caird



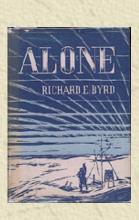
"For scientific leadership give me Scott; for swift and efficient travel, Amundsen; but when you are in a hopeless situation, when there seems no way out, get down on your knees and pray for Shackleton."

## Richard E. Byrd

Byrd's Expedition to Little America, 1933-1935



Life at Little America



Byrd at Advance Base

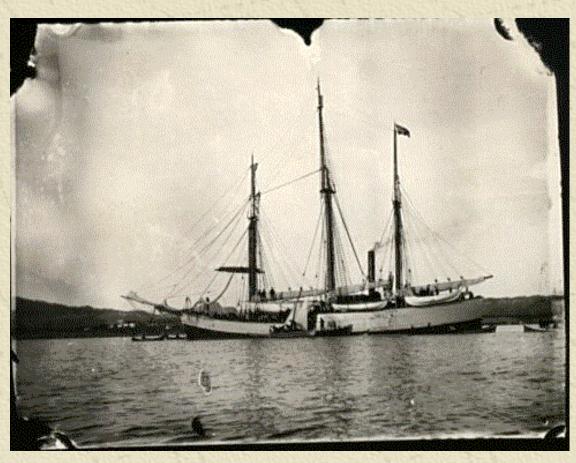


"Time was no longer like a river running, but a deep still pool."

— Richard E. Byrd

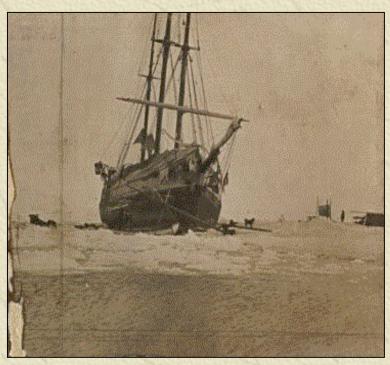


- \* Fridtjof Nansen
- **\*\*** 1893-1896
- \* Theory of Polar Drift
- **\*\*** 13 Norwegians
- \* Egalitarian Approach
- **\*\*** Good Habitat Design
- **\*\*** Methodical Testing
- \*\* A Model for Future Space Expeditions



Departure of the Fram





The Fram En Route

The Fram Above the Ice





Conducting Research During the Expedition





Life Onboard the Fram

"Truly, the whole secret lies in arranging things sensibly, and especially in being careful about the food."

- Fridtjof Nansen



Entrance to the Hut

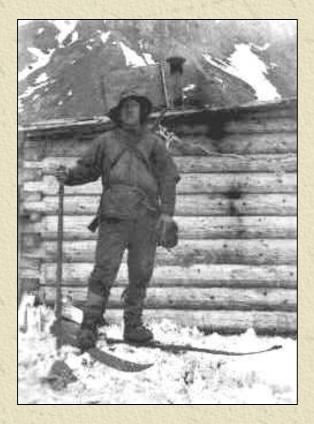


Life in Our Hut, by Fridtjof Nansen

Nansen and Johansen lived for nine months in a 6-foot by 10-foot hut made of stones and walrus hides.



Nansen and Johansen in the Kayaks



Nansen After Meeting Jackson



Nansen and the crew of the *Fram* were greeted as if they had just returned from another planet.

## Fridtjof Nansen

- **\*** Artist
- **\*** Explorer
- \* Neurologist
- \* Oceanographer
- **\*\*** Champion Skier
- \* A Founder of Norway
- \* International Statesman
- Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize





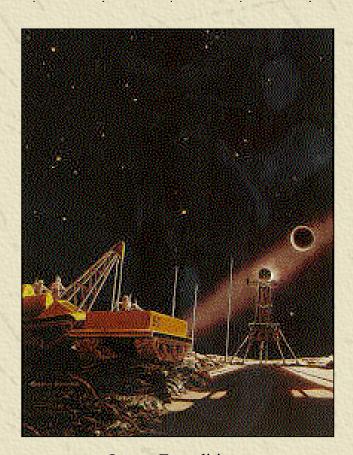




## Previous and Future Expeditions



The *Fram* in the Ice By William Gilkerson



Lunar Expedition By Chesley Bonestell

#### Main Themes

- \*\* There are highly predictable behavioral responses to isolation and confinement.
- \*Minor problems are common, but serious problems are avoidable.
- \*\* Future space expeditions will more closely resemble sea voyages than the test flights that presently serve as models.

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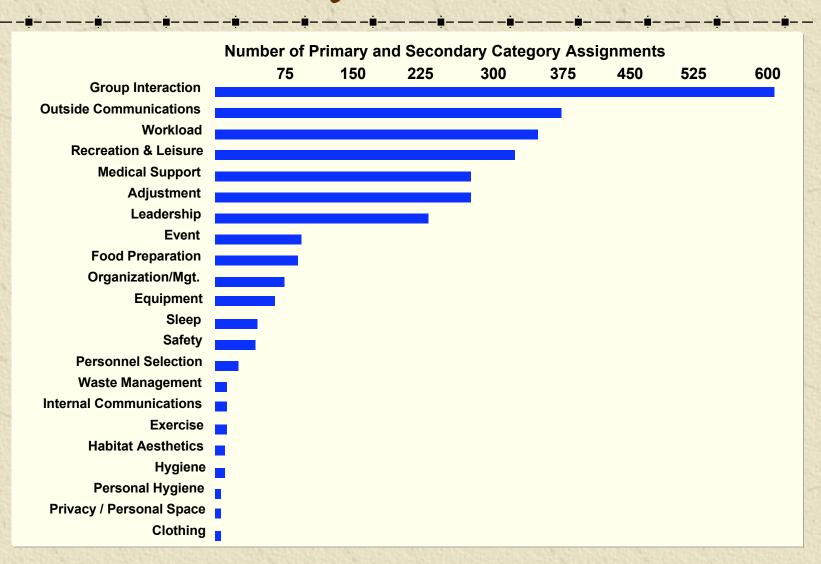
- \*\*Important lessons concerning the design and conduct of future expeditions can be learned by studying the experiences of remote duty personnel and previous explorers.
- \* Humans can endure almost anything.

# Behavioral / Human Factors Issues

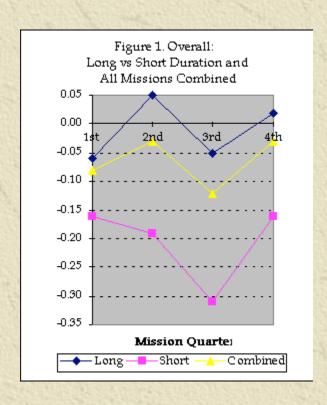


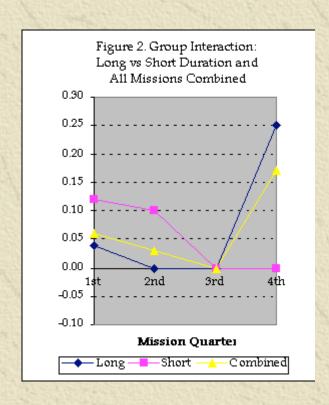


# Current Research: Content Analysis of Diaries



# Content Analysis: 3rd Quarter Phenomenon





#### Specific Lessons

- \* Establish a "spirit of the expedition."
- \* Select qualified and compatible personnel.
- \* Test, train, and simulate everything.
- \*\* Provide good habitability & satisfying food.
- \* Remain busy and entertained.
- \*\* Realize that good leadership can be more important than good habitability.

#### Specific Lessons

- \*Expect that problems will occur (behavioral, communications, equipment).
- \* Expect weather to affect everything.
- \*\* Be prepared for casualties.
- \* Distribute stowage of supplies/equipment.
- \* "Live off the land" to the extent possible.
- \* Design for redundancy and maintainability.

#### Most Important





The conditions will be different, but most of the problems that will confront future space explorers are the same problems that troubled explorers in the past.



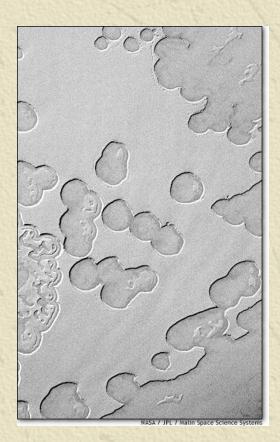
The Moon from the ISS



Mars from Orbit









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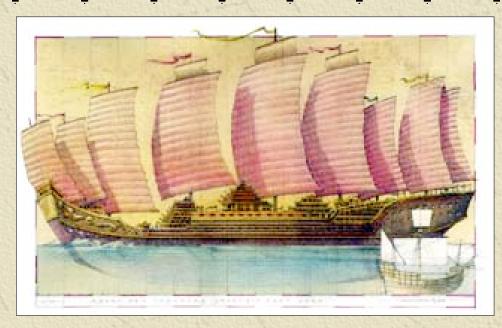


Twin Peaks

#### A Prediction

"Every age has its dreams, its symbols of romance. Past generations were moved by the graceful power of the great windjammers, by the distant whistle of locomotives pounding through the night, by the caravans leaving on the Golden Road to Samarkand, by quinqueremes of Nineveh from distant Ophir... Our grandchildren will likewise have their inspiration--among the equatorial stars. They will be able to look up at the night sky and watch the stately procession of the Ports of Earth--the strange new harbors where the ships of space make their planetfalls and their departures." - Arthur C. Clarke

#### Risk and Exploration



Admiral Zeng He's Flagship (1433)

"There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction." - John F. Kennedy

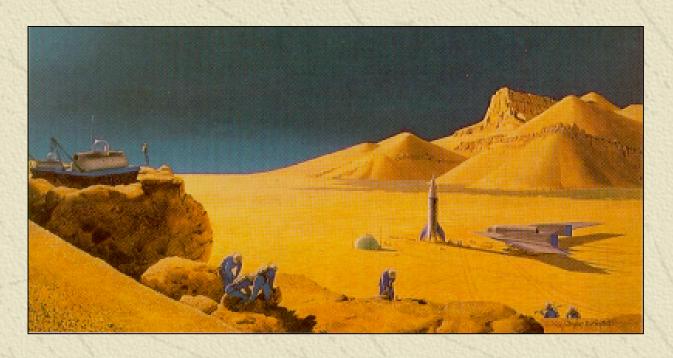
### Risk and Exploration

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

- Mark Twain



# The Future...



Exploring Mars
By Chesley Bonestell, 1956